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Inventor: Agnes Woo
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment; and
2. A return postcard.

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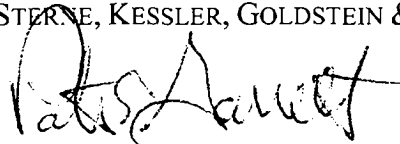
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Respectfully submitted,

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- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
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